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Critical Areas Report

(Geotechnical Aspects)

Gunshy Manor

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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Associated Earth Sciences, Inc. (AESI) is pleased to present the enclosed copies of the above-referenced Critical Areas Report. This Critical Areas Report summarizes our geotechnically related critical area findings for the proposed project.

We have enjoyed working with you on this study. If you should have any questions or if we can be of additional help to you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

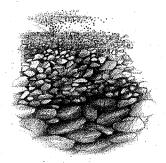
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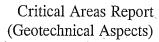
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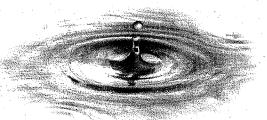
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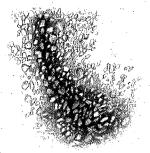
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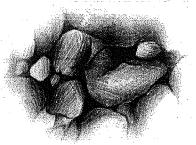
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# CRITICAL AREAS REPORT (GEOTECHNICAL ASPECTS)

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#### INTRODUCTION

This Critical Areas Report pertains to the proposed boundary line adjustment for proposed single-family residential building lots at the subject site. The Gunshy Manor property consists of approximately 124 acres of land within the Evans Creek drainage and is located south of NE Union Hill Road and west of 208<sup>th</sup> Drive NE in King County near Redmond, Washington. We understand that the current plan is to create, through a boundary line adjustment, five large lots as shown on Figure 1. Lots 1 and 4 have previously been built out and are not part of this report. Within Lots 2, 3, and 5, developable residential building sites have been identified as shown on Figure 2. These building sites are located at the base of slopes located on the east side of the Evans Creek drainage.

#### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this study was to fulfill the critical areas report requirements per Chapter 21A.24 of the *King County Code* (KCC).

#### WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION

Written authorization to proceed with this Critical Areas Report was granted by Mr. Buff Nelson, in general accordance with our proposal letter dated March 6, 2012. This Critical Areas Report has been prepared for the exclusive use of Mr. Buff Nelson, the Estate of Barbara J. Nelson, and their agents for specific application to this project. Within the limitations of scope, schedule, and budget, our services have been performed in accordance with generally accepted engineering geology practices in effect in this area at the time our report was prepared. No other warranty, express or implied, is made.

It must be understood that no recommendations or engineering design can yield a guarantee of stable slopes. Our observations, findings, and opinions are a means to identify and reduce the inherent risks to the owner.

#### CRITICAL AREAS REPORT

This Critical Area Report is, in part, based on review of the following documents:

- 1. Sheet 1 of 1, "Gunshy Manor Post BLA," dated January 19, 2012, prepared by ESM Consulting Engineers.
- 2. Sheet 1 of 1, "Gunshy Manor Critical Areas Designation Exhibit," dated January 3, 2012, prepared by ESM Consulting Engineers.
- 3. "Geologic Map of the Redmond Quadrangle, King County, Washington," dated 1988, prepared by J.P. Minard and D.B. Booth, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Miscellaneous Field Studies, Map MF-2016.
- 4. "Geotechnical Assessment Summary," dated September 9, 2009, prepared by Associated Earth Sciences, Inc.

#### Geologic Reconnaissance

We conducted a reconnaissance of the site on March 8, 2012. During our reconnaissance, no evidence of historical landslide activity, such as scarps, hummocky topography, tension cracks, reversed slope benches, or unusually distorted trees, was observed on the slopes east of the proposed building sites. In addition, no areas of emergent seepage were observed on the slopes east of the proposed building sites on Lots 2, 3, and 5.

#### Geologic Map Review

Review of the regional geologic map referenced above indicates that the slopes located on the east side of the Evans Creek drainage are underlain by pre-Fraser, non-glacial Olympia beds and Vashon-aged advance outwash. The Olympia beds typically consist of oxidized fine to coarse sand with scattered silt and clay beds and the Vashon advance outwash typically consists of clean, gray to oxidized sand with some gravel. Laminated, gray silt and clay commonly referred to as Lawton silt or Transitional beds may occur between the Olympia beds and the Vashon advance outwash. Due to their compaction by the massive weight of the glacial ice during the Vashon Stade of the Fraser Glaciation, these soils typically exhibit a high relative density when present in its unweathered, undisturbed state. In the area of concern, the geologic map does not show the presence of recent landslide deposits.

According to the geologic map, the less steep areas at the base of the slope are mantled and underlain by younger recessional outwash deposits. These soils typically consist of sand and gravel.

#### **Subsurface Exploration**

During a previous assessment of the site, as described in AESI's September 2009 report, we observed soil conditions as exposed in 17 exploration pits completed across the site at the approximate locations shown on Figure 4. Copies of the logs are presented in Appendix A.

Sediments encountered in the exploration pits located in the vicinity of the building sites on Lots 2, 3, and 5 generally consisted of interbedded, medium dense, tan, silty sand, sand and gravel with scattered interbeds of silt. In our opinion, these sediments are consistent with recessional outwash and/or ice contact deposits. At some locations, a thin layer of colluvium (silty, fine to medium sand with scattered organics) overlies the recessional outwash. The soils encountered in the explorations are generally consistent with those identified on the geologic map.

The explorations did not encounter seepage and a persistent, shallow ground water table was not encountered within the exploration pits.

#### Geologic Hazard Areas

### Landslide Hazard Areas

Section 21A.06.680 of the KCC identifies Landslide Hazard Areas as the following: 1) an area with a combination of slopes steeper than 15 percent, impermeable soils, such as silt and clay, frequently interbedded with granular soils, such as sand and gravel, and springs or ground water seepage; 2) an area that has shown movement during the Holocene epoch (past 10,000 years) or an area underlain by mass wastage debris from that epoch; 3) any area potentially unstable as a result of rapid stream incision, stream bank erosion, or undercutting by wave action; 4) an area that shows evidence of or is at risk from snow avalanches or; 5) an area located on an alluvial fan, presently or potentially subject to inundation by debris flows or deposition of stream-transported sediments.

The inclinations of the slopes on the eastern portions of Lots 2, 3, and 5, east of the proposed building sites, range from about 40 to 58 percent. Slopes west of the toe of the steep slopes and on the east portion of the proposed building sites are inclined at less than 20 percent. Slopes on the south end of Lot 5 are shown on the geologic map as having landslide deposits.

Based on the KCC criteria and existing site conditions, areas of the site at the south end of Lot 5 are classified as Landslide Hazard Areas. The locations of the Landslide Hazard Areas are shown on Figure 3.

#### **Erosion Hazard Areas**

Section 21A.06.415 of the KCC defines Erosion Hazard Areas as an area underlain by soils identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (SCS) as having 'severe' or 'very severe' erosion hazards. This includes, but is not limited to, the following group of soils when they occur on slopes of 15 percent or greater:

- 1. Alderwood gravelly sandy loam (AgD)
- 2. Alderwood and Kitsap soils (AkF)
- 3. Beausite gravelly sandy loam (BeD and BeF)
- 4. Kitsap silt loam (KpD)
- 5. Ovall gravely loam (OvD and OvF)
- 6. Ragnar fine sandy loam (RaD), and
- 7. Ragnar-Indianola Association (RdE)

Review of the SCS (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service) on-line soil mapping for the project area indicates that the steep slopes on the east side of Lots 2, 3, and 5 are mapped as Alderwood and Kitsap soils (AkF), which would classify this area as an Erosion Hazard Area under the KCC. All of the steep slopes on the east side of Lots 2, 3, and 5 are classified as Erosion Hazard Areas and are identified on Figure 3. The area west of the toe of the steep slopes and underlying the proposed building lots is mapped as being Everett gravelly sandy loam (EvC) 5 to 15 percent slopes with a slight to moderate erosion hazard.

### Steep Slope Hazard Areas

Section 21A.06.1230 defines Steep Slope Hazard Areas as an area on a slope of 40 percent inclination or more within a vertical elevation change of at least 10 feet. Inclinations of the steep slopes on the east parts of Lots 2, 3, and 5 range from 40 to 58 percent and are classified as Steep Slope Hazard Areas and are shown on Figure 3.

#### **Proposed Building Site**

The proposed building sites for Lots 2, 3, and 5 are shown on Figure 4. The steep slopes east of the proposed building lots are classified as Steep Slope and Erosion Hazard Areas.

#### **Recommended Minimum Steep Slope Buffer**

The proposed building sites for Lots 2, 3, and 5 are located just west of the identified Steep Slope Hazard Area for the subject property. Based on the lack of historic landsliding activity

and ground water seepage on these slopes and the compact, high strength nature of the soils underlying the slopes, we recommend a buffer setback of 30 feet from the toe of the Steep Slope Hazard Area. A minimum building setback from the edge of the buffer is not required, in our opinion, because the buffer areas have previously been altered as pasture land for past livestock grazing.

#### **Recommended Mitigation for Erosion Hazards**

As of October 1, 2008, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Construction Storm Water General Permit (also known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES] permit) requires weekly Temporary Erosion and Sedimentation Control (TESC) inspections and turbidity monitoring for all sites 1 or more acres in size that discharge storm water to surface waters of the state. Because we anticipate that the proposed project will require disturbance of more than 1 acre, we anticipate that these inspection and reporting requirements will be triggered. The following recommendations are related to general erosion potential and mitigation.

The most effective erosion control measure is the maintenance of adequate ground cover. Maintaining cover measures atop disturbed ground provides the greatest reduction to the potential generation of turbid runoff and sediment transport. During the local wet season (October 1 through March 31), exposed soil should not remain uncovered for more than 2 days unless it is actively being worked. Ground-cover measures can include erosion control matting, plastic sheeting, straw mulch, crushed rock or recycled concrete, or mature hydroseed.

Some fine-grained surface soils are the result of natural weathering processes that have broken down parent materials into their mineral components. These mineral components can have an inherent electrical charge. Electrically charged mineral fines attract oppositely charged particles and can combine (flocculate) to form larger particles that settle out of suspension. The sediments produced during the recent glaciation of Puget Sound are, however, most commonly the suspended soils that are carried by site storm water. The fine-grained fraction of the glacially derived soil is referred to as "rock flour," which is primarily a silt-sized particle with no electrical charge. These particles have low flocculation characteristics and may have settling times in periods of months.

Therefore, the flow length within a temporary sediment control trap or pond has virtually no effect on the water quality of the discharge, since silt will not settle out of suspension in the time it takes to flow from one end of the pond to the other. Reduction of turbidity from a construction site is almost entirely a function of cover measures and flow control. Temporary sediment traps and ponds are necessary to control the release rate of the runoff and to provide

a catchment for sand-sized and larger soil particles, but are ineffective at reducing the turbidity of the runoff.

To mitigate the erosion hazards and potential for off-site sediment transport, we recommend the following:

- 1. The winter performance of a site is dependent on a well-conceived plan for control of site erosion and storm water runoff. It is easier to keep the soil on the ground than to remove it from storm water. The owner and the design team should include adequate ground-cover measures, access roads, and staging areas in the project bid to give the selected contractor a workable site. The selected contractor needs to be prepared to implement and maintain the required measures to reduce the amount of exposed ground. A site maintenance (TESC) plan should be in place in the event storm water turbidity measurements are greater than the Ecology standards.
- 2. All TESC measures for a given area to be graded or otherwise worked should be installed prior to any activity within that area. The recommended sequence of construction within a given area would be to install sediment traps and/or ponds and establish perimeter flow control prior to starting mass grading.
- 3. During the wetter months of the year, or when large storm events are predicted during the summer months, each work area should be stabilized so that if showers occur, the work area can receive the rainfall without excessive erosion or sediment transport. The required measures for an area to be "buttoned-up" will depend on the time of year and the duration the area will be left un-worked. During the winter months, areas that are to be left un-worked for more than 2 days should be mulched or covered with plastic. During the summer months, stabilization will usually consist of seal-rolling the subgrade. Such measures will aid in the contractor's ability to get back into a work area after a storm event. The stabilization process also includes establishing temporary storm water conveyance channels through work areas to route runoff to the approved treatment facilities.
- 4. All disturbed areas should be revegetated as soon as possible. If it is outside of the growing season, the disturbed areas should be covered with mulch, as recommended in the erosion control plan. Straw mulch provides the most cost-effective cover measure and can be made wind-resistant with the application of a tackifier after it is placed.

- 5. Surface runoff and discharge should be controlled during and following development. Uncontrolled discharge may promote erosion and sediment transport. Under no circumstances should concentrated discharges be allowed to flow over significant slopes.
- 6. Soils that are to be reused around the site should be stored in such a manner as to reduce erosion from the stockpile. Protective measures may include, but are not limited to, covering with plastic sheeting, the use of low stockpiles in flat areas, or the use of straw bales/silt fences around pile perimeters. During the period between October 1 and March 31, these measures are required.
- 7. On-site erosion control inspections and turbidity monitoring should be performed in accordance with Ecology requirements. Weekly and monthly reporting to Ecology should be performed on a regularly scheduled basis. Temporary and permanent erosion control and drainage measures should be adjusted and maintained, as necessary, at the time of construction.

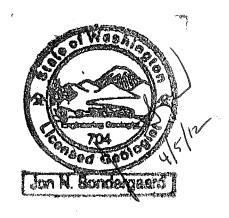
It is our opinion that with the proper implementation of the TESC plans and by field-adjusting appropriate mitigation elements (best management practices) during construction, as recommended by the erosion control inspector, the potential adverse impacts from erosion hazards on the project may be mitigated.

The conclusions and recommendations presented in this report are based, in part, on the conditions encountered in the explorations completed for this study, and as shown on the referenced geologic map. Because of the nature of exploratory work below ground, extrapolation of subsurface conditions beyond the field explorations is necessary. Differing subsurface conditions may be present outside of the area of the field explorations due to the random nature of deposition and the alteration of topography by past grading and/or filling. The nature and extent of any variations between the field explorations may not become fully evident until construction. We recommend that monitoring of subsurface conditions be conducted periodically by AESI at the time of construction. If variations are observed at that time, it may be necessary to re-evaluate specific recommendations in this report and make appropriate changes.

#### **CLOSURE**

We have enjoyed working with you on this study and are confident that these recommendations will aid in the successful completion of your project. Should you have any questions, or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, ASSOCIATED EARTH SCIENCES, INC. Kirkland, Washington



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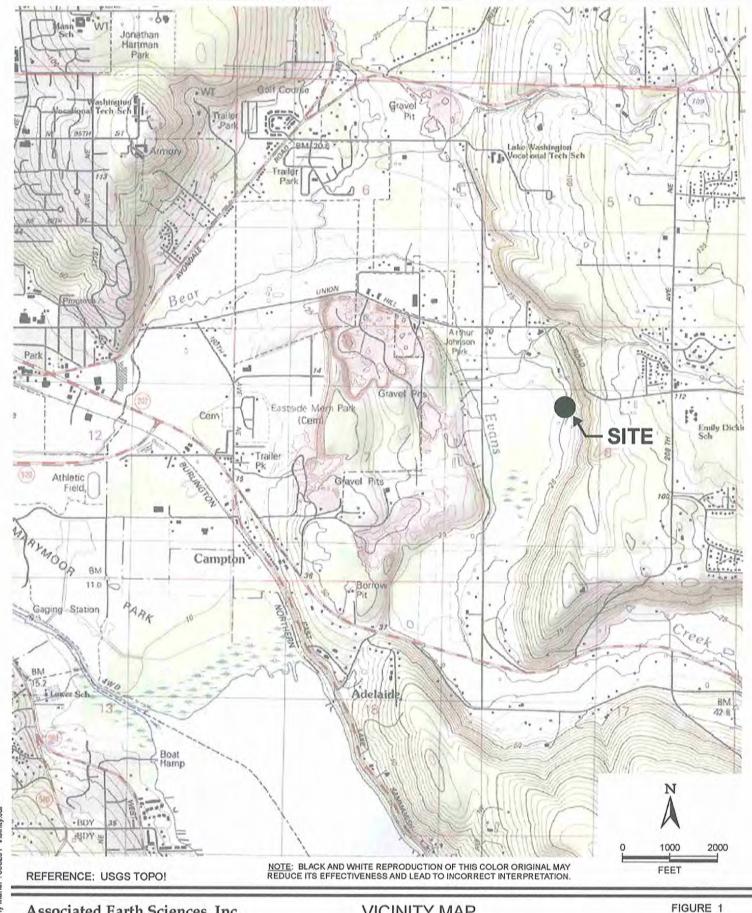
Figure 1: Vicinity Map

Figure 2: Site Plan

Figure 3: Critical Areas Map

Figure 4: Location of Proposed Building Sites

Appendix A: Exploration Logs



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VICINITY MAP **GUNSHY MANOR** REDMOND, WASHINGTON

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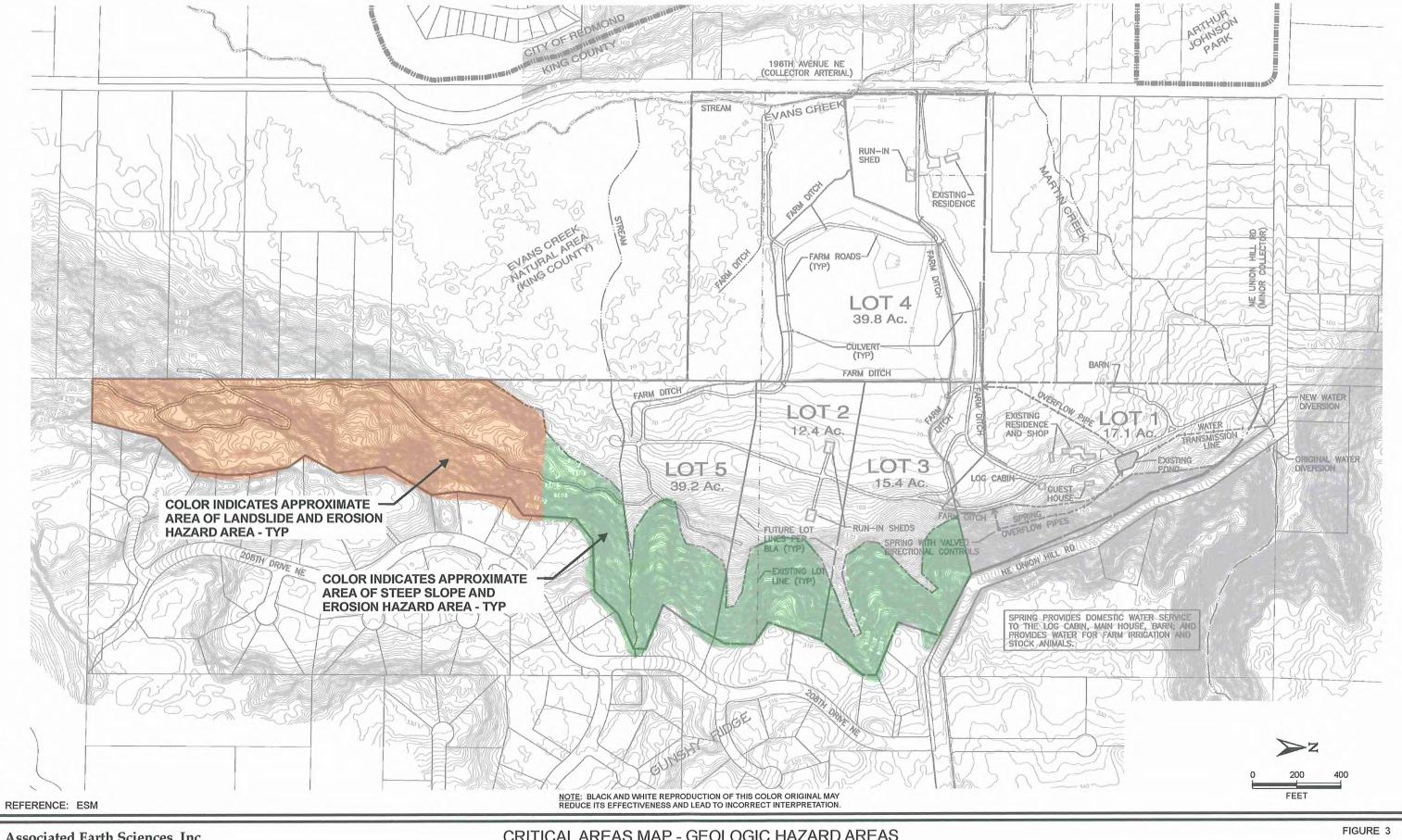




SITE PLAN GUNSHY MANOR REDMOND, WASHINGTON FIGURE 2

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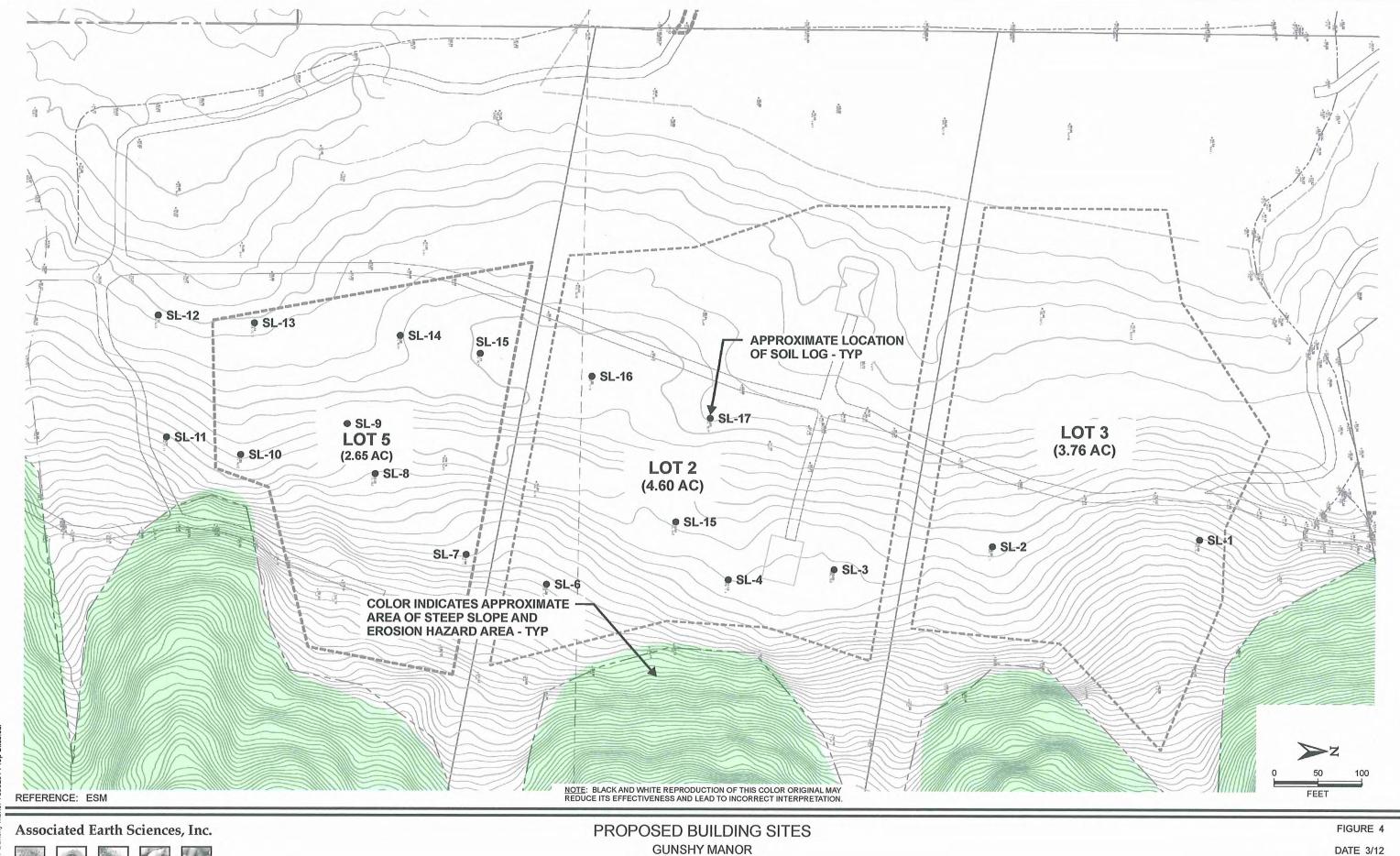




CRITICAL AREAS MAP - GEOLOGIC HAZARD AREAS

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## **APPENDIX A**

## **Exploration Logs**

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Coarse-Grained Soils - More than 50% <sup>(1)</sup> Retained on No. 200 Sieve	Se Fre	GW		gravel with sand, little to no fines	Density SPT <sup>(2)</sup> blows/foot Very Loose 0 to 4
	50% <sup>(1)</sup> of Coars on No. 4 Sieve	<b>GP</b>	Poorly-graded gravel and gravel with sand, little to no fines	Loose	
	16 a	Fines W	GM	Silty gravel and silty gravel with sand	
	ravels - N		GC	Clayey gravel and clayey gravel with sand	Stiff 8 to 15  Very Stiff 15 to 30  Hard >30
	Fraction	Fines (2)	sw	Well-graded sand and sand with gravel, little to no fines	Descriptive Term
	of Coars 4 Sieve	%2% VI	SP	Poorly-graded sand and sand with gravel, little to no fines	
	50% <sup>(1)</sup> or More Passes No.	Fines **	SM	Silty sand and silty sand with gravel	
	Sands -	% ///// % (	sc	Clayey sand and clayey sand with gravel	(3) Estimated Percentage  Component  Weight  Moisture Content  Dry - Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Fine-Grained Soils - 50% <sup>(1)</sup> or More Passes No. 200 Sieve	/s han 50		ML	Silt, sandy silt, gravelly silt, silt with sand or gravel	Trace <5 Slightly Moist - Perceptible Few 5 to 10 moisture  Little 15 to 25 Moist - Damp but no visible With - Non-primary coarse water
	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit Less than 50		CL	Clay of low to medium plasticity; silty, sandy, or gravelly clay, lean clay	constituents: ≥ 15% Very Moist - Water visible but - Fines content between not free draining 5% and 15% Wet - Visible free water, usually from below water table
	S Liquid		OL	Organic clay or silt of low plasticity	Symbols  Blows/6" or Sampler portion of 6"  Type / Cement grout surface seal
	ys More		MH	Elastic silt, clayey silt, silt with micaceous or diatomaceous fine sand or silt	Sampler Type Description  Sampler Samp
	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit 50 or More		СН	Clay of high plasticity, sandy or gravelly clay, fat clay with sand or gravel	
	Liqu		ОН	Organic clay or silt of medium to high plasticity	
Highly Organic Soils				Peat, muck and other highly organic soils	(ASTM D-1586)  In General Accordance with Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (ASTM D-2488)  Static water level (date)  Combined USCS symbols used for fines between 5% and 15%

Classifications of soils in this report are based on visual field and/or laboratory observations, which include density/consistency, moisture condition, grain size, and plasticity estimates and should not be construed to imply field or laboratory testing unless presented herein. Visual-manual and/or laboratory classification methods of ASTM D-2487 and D-2488 were used as an identification guide for the Unified Soil Classification System.

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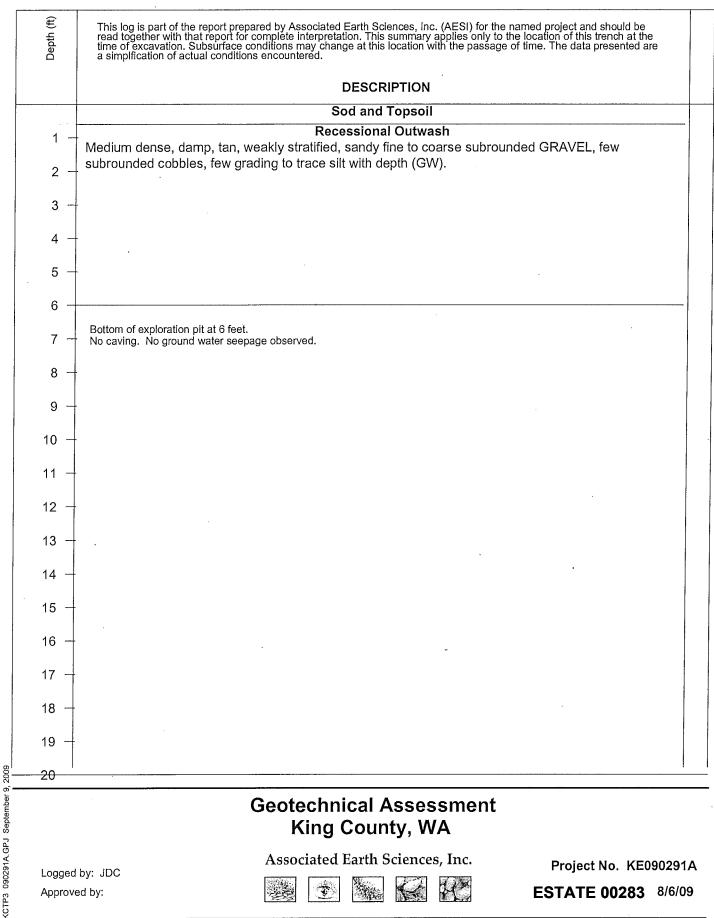








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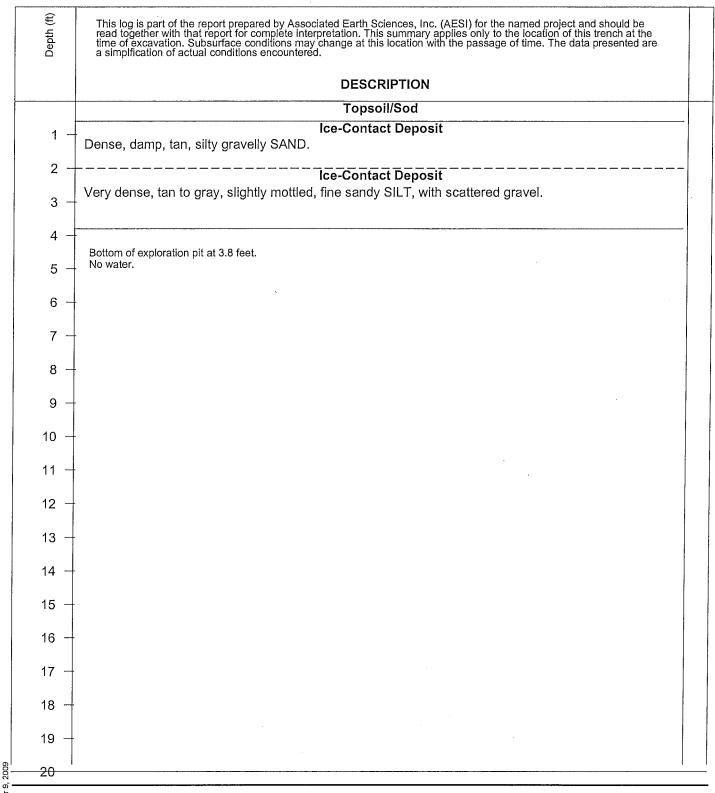
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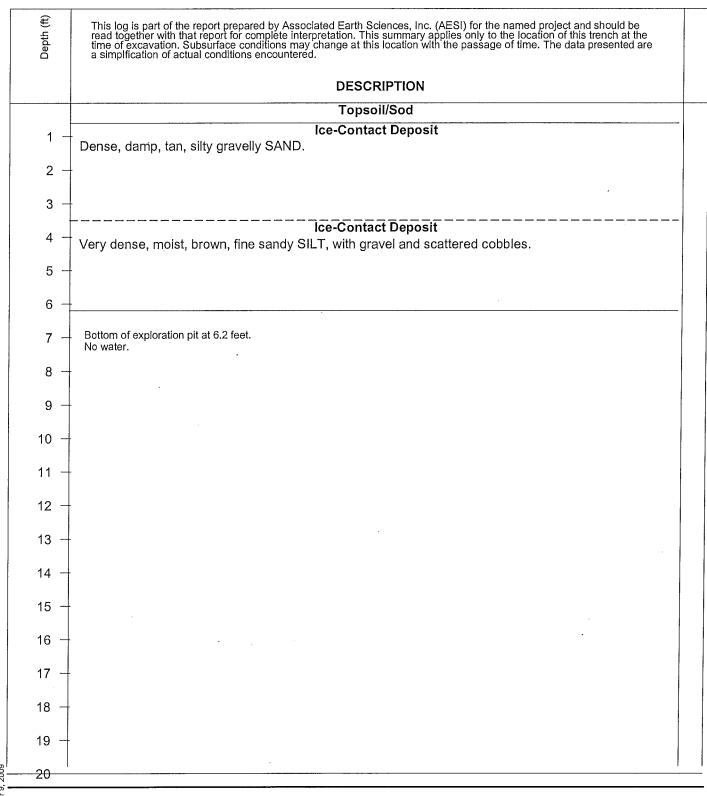


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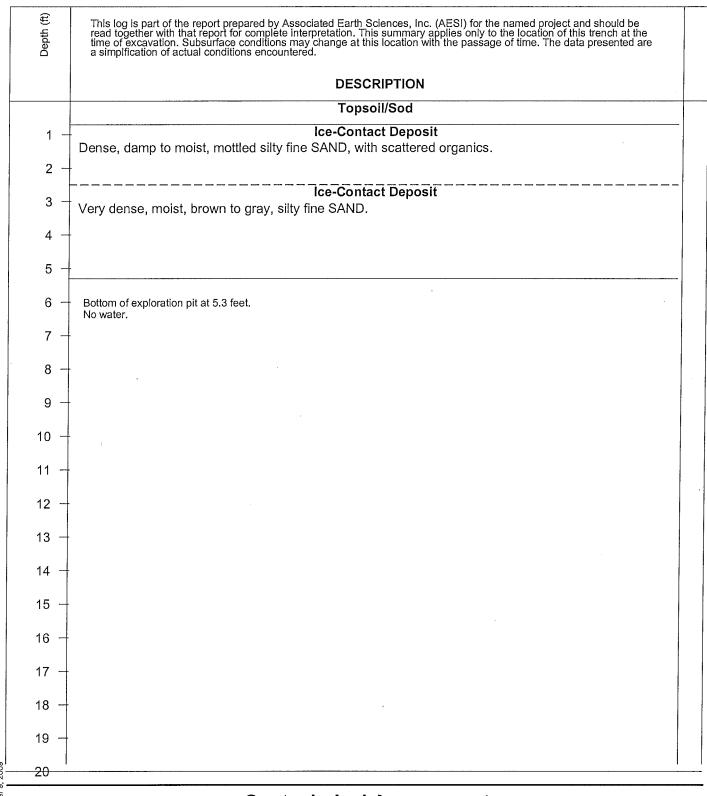
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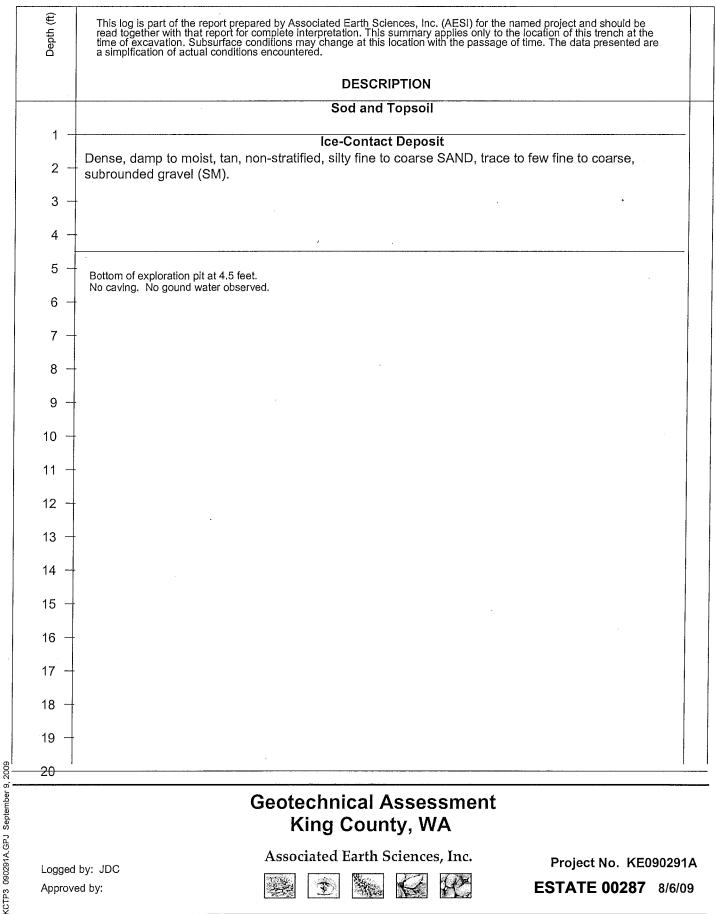


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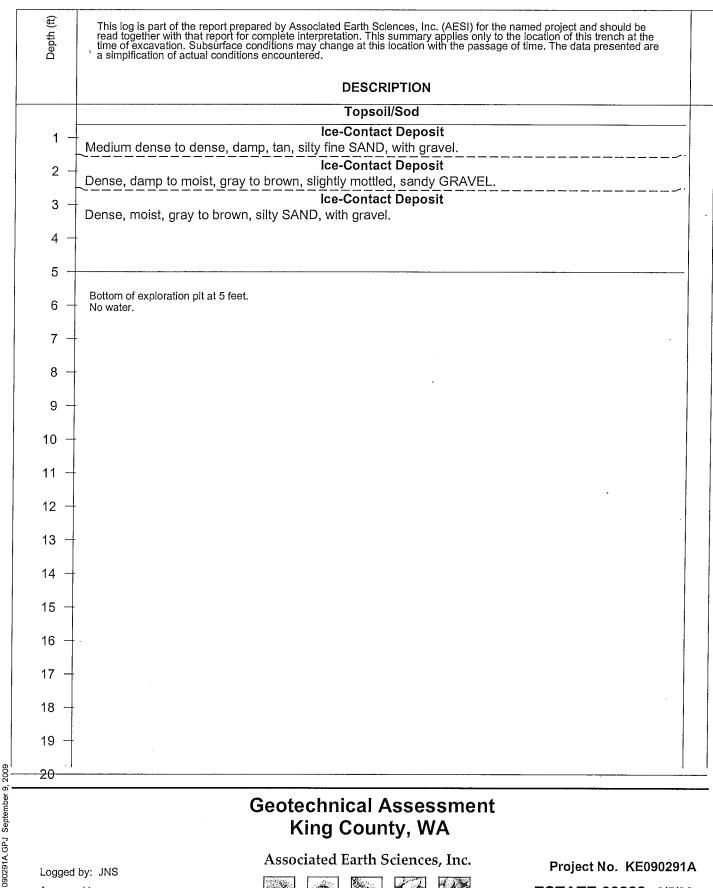








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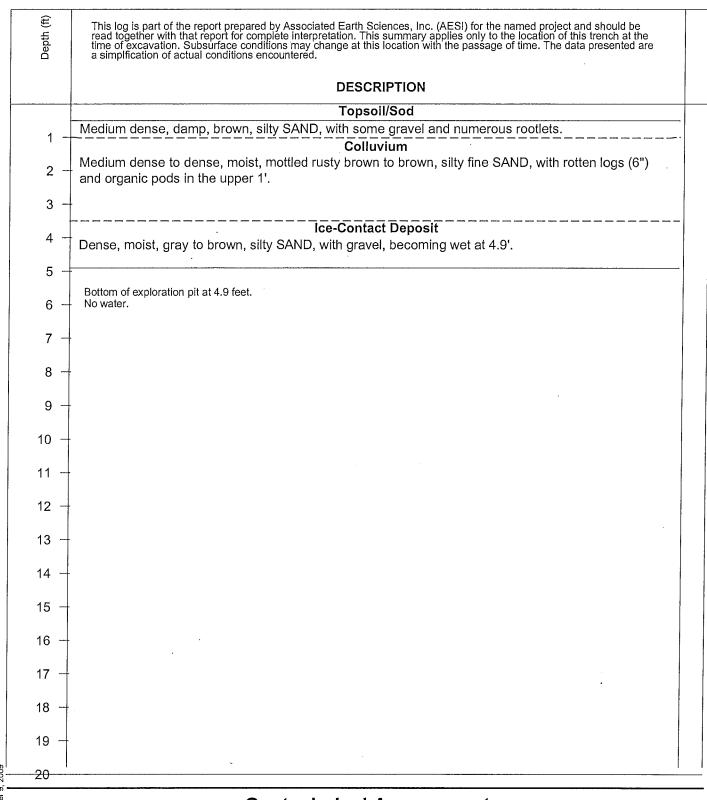








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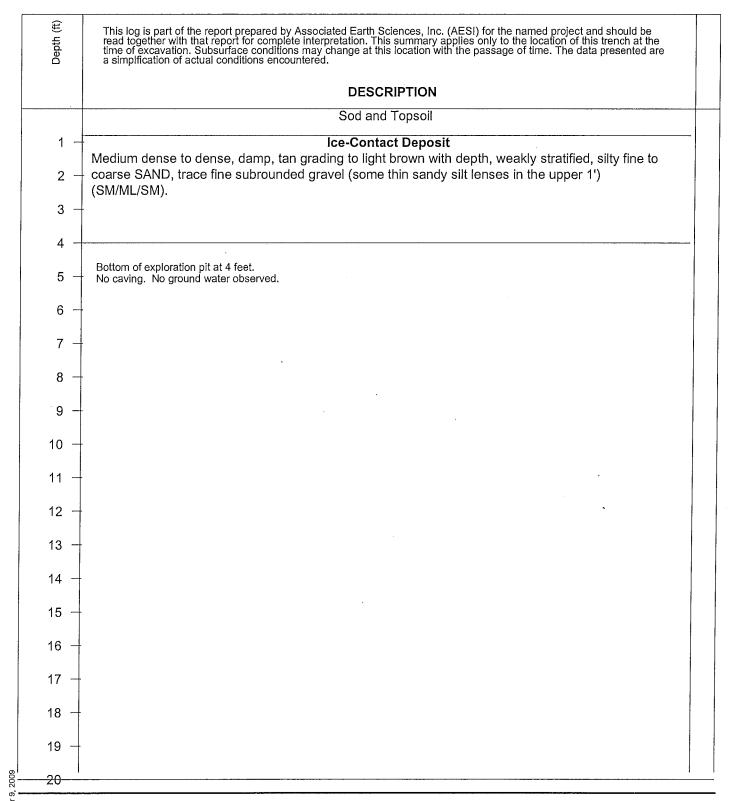
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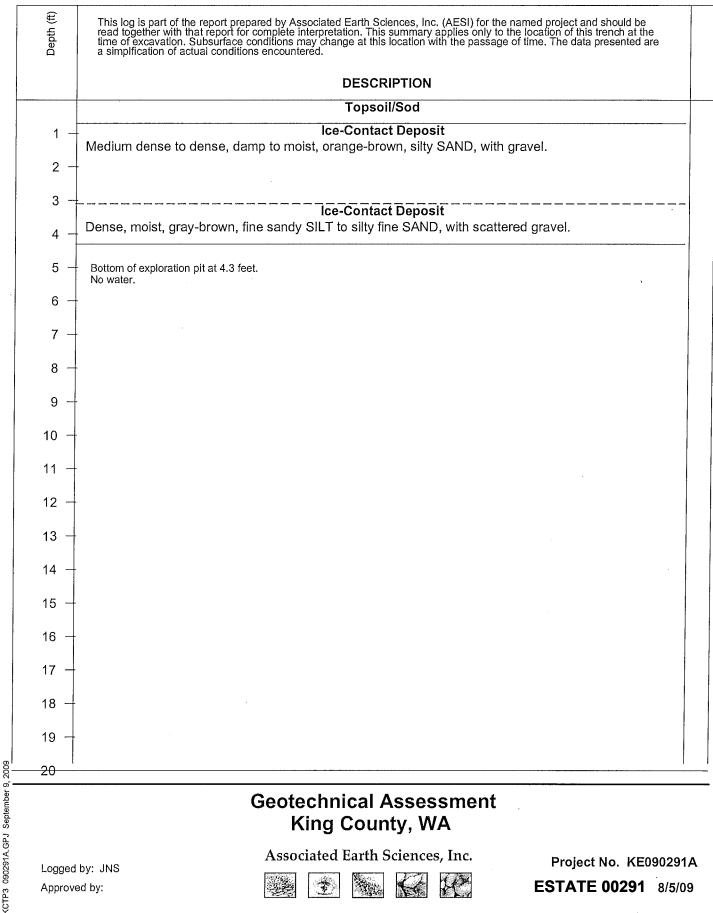




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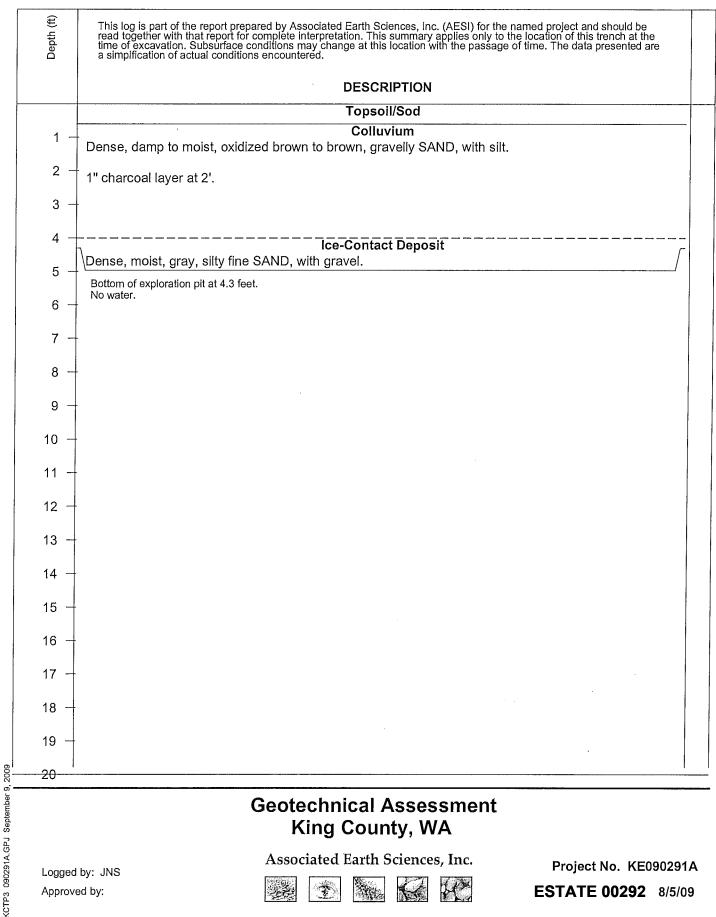
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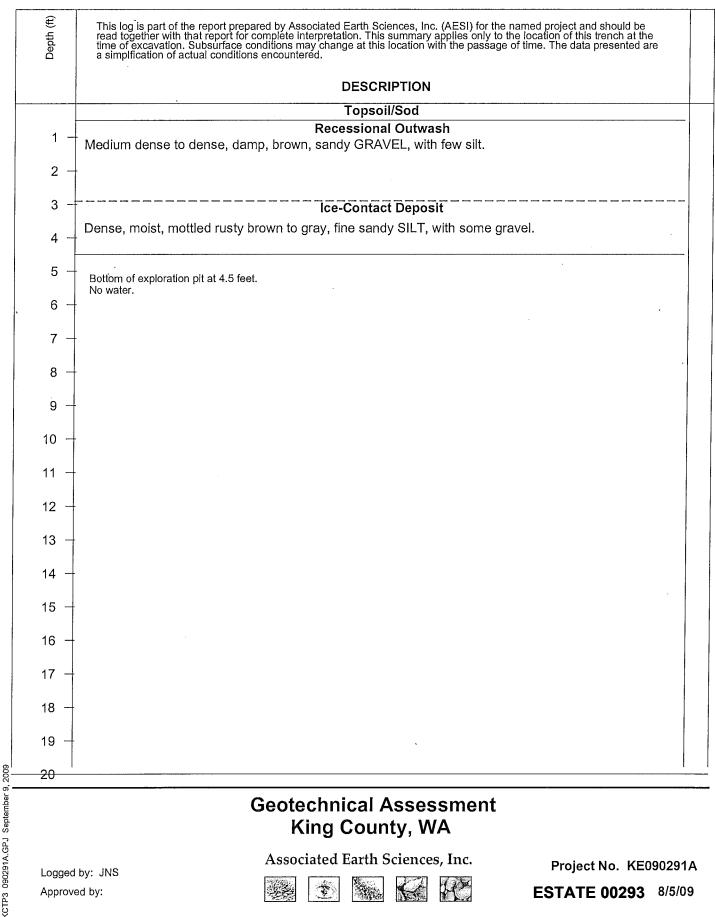








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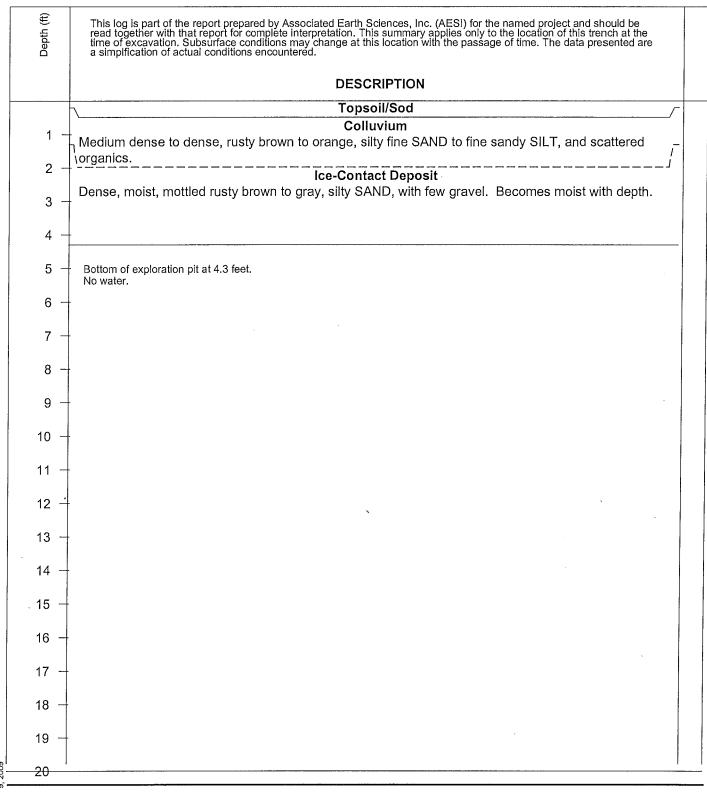








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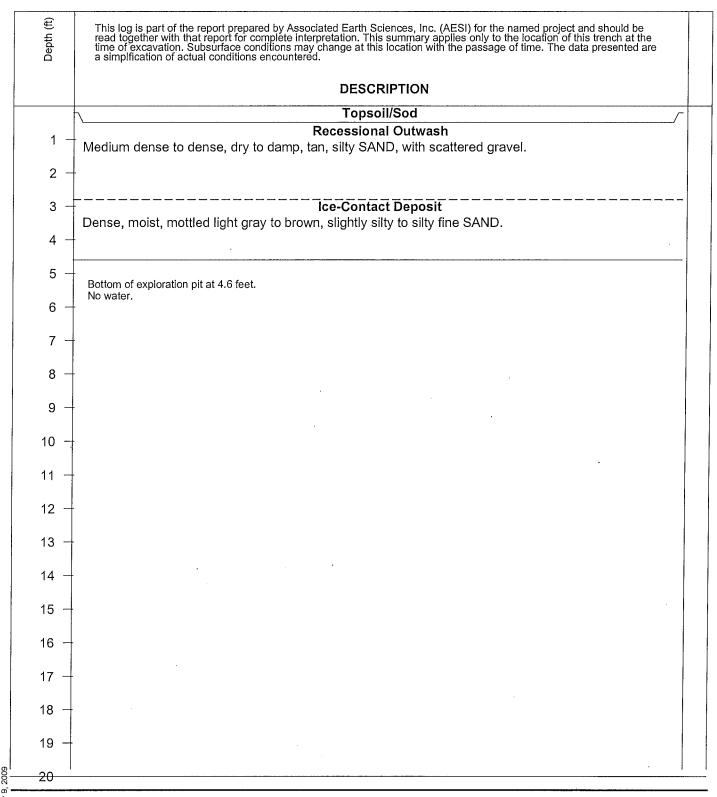






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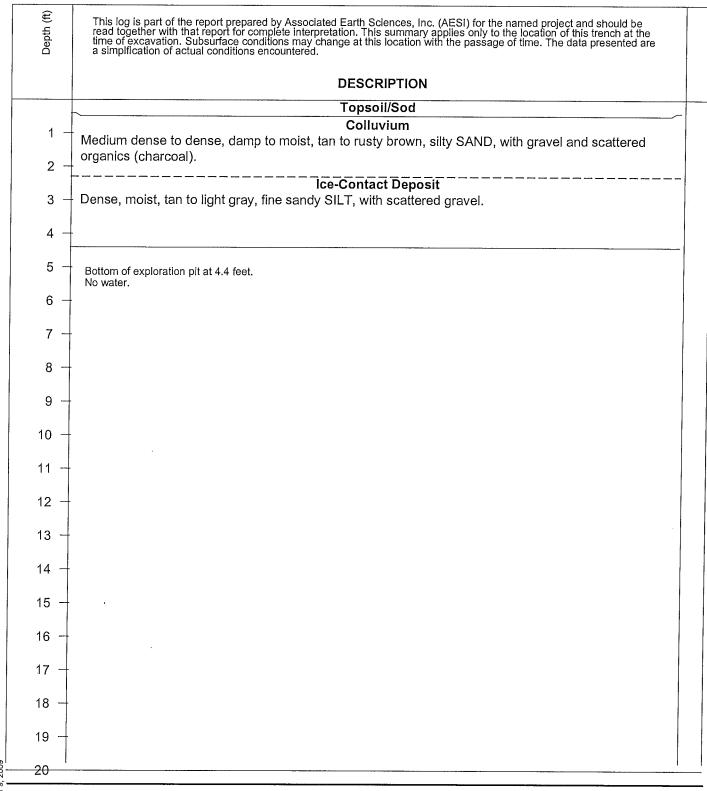






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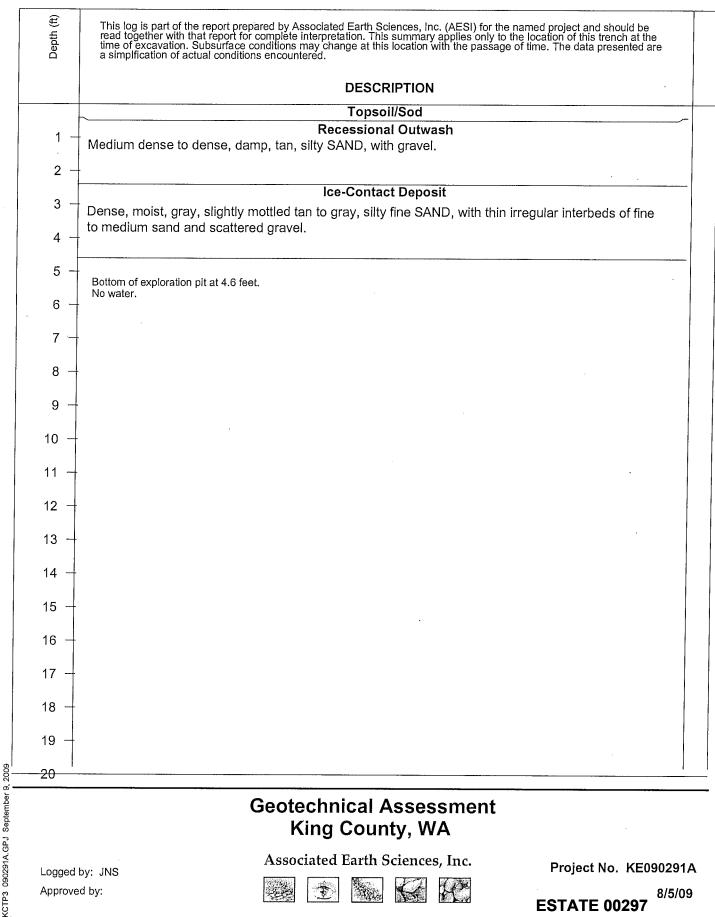






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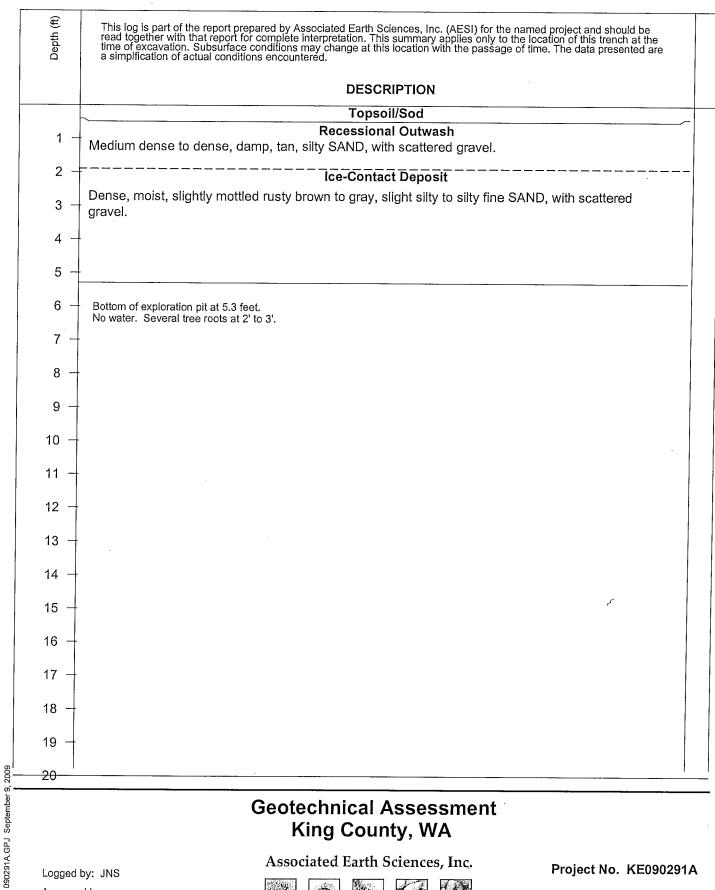






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